THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been planned to procure new EMU coaches for replacement of existing over-aged EMU stock and to meet the requirement of coaches on account of additional suburban services in Mumbai area.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

New railway station in Mumbai

418. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up a new railway station in Western Zone of Mumbai, especially between Andheri and Goregaon, has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to construct a new suburban railway station at Oshiwara between Jogeshwari and Goregaon.

This work has been proposed as a part of the consolidated estimate for Mumbai Urban Transport Project and is being processed for sanction.

The work of construction of new station at Oshiwara has been proposed at a cost of Rs. 6 crores. The cost will be shared between Government of Maharashtra and Indian Railways on 50-50 basis.

The said station project is likely to be completed by March, 2006, subject to availability of funds.

Damage to Railway properties by rains in Mumbai

419. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of damage to the Railway properties after the recent heavy rains in Mumbai; and

(b) the number of services of Western Railway terminated because of this?